



State Senator
TOM COLAPIETRO'S Guide to
**Home Heating
Assistance &
Energy Conservation**

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I worked hard with my colleagues in the Senate to pass legislation in 2008 that can help families of all income levels pay their heating bills this winter. Expanded benefits now include direct cash assistance, free deliveries of home heating oil and rebates for replacing outdated furnaces with more efficient models.

INFORMATION ONLINE

One-stop source for home heating assistance and energy links in English and Spanish:

www.senatedems.ct.gov/Energy



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HELP WITH YOUR HEATING BILL

The **Connecticut Energy Assistance Program (CEAP)** and the **Contingency Heating Assistance Program (CHAP)** help offset the costs of winter heating and pay for weatherization services. For income eligibility and benefit levels, contact the Department of Social Services (DSS) at **1-800-842-1132** or contact Infoline at **211**.

Operation Fuel is another program that provides energy assistance to income-eligible residents. For information on the fuel bank program, call Infoline at **211**.



FURNACE UPGRADES

The **Boiler and Furnace Replacement/Upgrade Rebate Program** provides up to \$500 toward a more energy-efficient boiler or furnace replacement or upgrade. Contact the Office of Policy and Management at **1-866-940-4676** for an application, income eligibility guidelines and more information. Please be advised that the furnace rebate is not considered taxable income for purposes of the Connecticut state income tax; however, it may be subject to the federal income tax.

Connecticut Housing Investment Fund's (CHIF) **Energy Conservation Loan Program** provides low or no-interest, long-term loans for energy-efficient upgrades including furnaces and boilers, thermal windows and doors, insulation, hot water heaters and replacement roofs. Contact CHIF at **860-233-5165 ext. 2019 or 2023** or visit www.chif.org for more details.



FOR CL&P CUSTOMERS

The **Weatherization Residential Assistance Partnership (WRAP)** helps income-eligible customers reduce their energy bills by making their homes more energy-efficient. Call **1-800-388-9727** for information.

The **Matching Payment Program** provides year-round electric service and possible forgiveness of back balances to low-income electric heating customers who have past-due balances. Call **1-800-286-2828** for information.

The **NUSTART** program helps customers reduce or eliminate their past-due balance if they pay an agreed-upon budgeted amount on time each month. Call CL&P at **1-800-286-2828**.

Home Energy Solutions energy audits are available to all households, whether you heat with oil, natural gas, propane or electricity. Call **1-877-947-3873** for information.



STATE SALES TAX EXEMPTIONS

Connecticut provides sales tax exemptions for energy-efficient products including:

Insulation • Caulking • Doors • Compact fluorescent light bulbs
Furnaces • Geothermal heat pumps • Programmable thermostats
Room air conditioners • Water heaters • Windows



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